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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10 SAN JOSE DIVISION
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12 In re TRIDENT MICROSYSTEMS, INC.)
13 DERIVATIVE LITIGATION,)

Case No.: C 06-3440 JF (PVT)

14 This Document Relates To:)

**INTERIM ORDER RE LEAD PLAINTIFFS’
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO FILE
UNDER SEAL**

15 ALL ACTIONS)
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17 On April 7, 2009, Lead Plaintiffs filed an Administrative Motion to File under Seal Lead
18 Plaintiffs’ Reply in Support of Motion to Compel Production of Documents Necessary for this Court
19 to Consider the SLC’s Motion to Terminate, and Supplemental Declaration of Christopher M. Wood
20 in Support Thereof. On April 10, 2009, Nominal Defendant Trident Microsystems, Inc. (“Trident”)
21 filed a brief in support of Lead Plaintiffs’ motion to seal. Having reviewed the papers submitted by
22 the parties, the court finds it appropriate to issue this interim order. Based on the papers submitted,

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, no later than April 27, 2009, Trident shall submit a
24 supplemental declaration establishing that protection under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil
25 Procedure is actually warranted for the information it seeks to have sealed. Trident’s current
26 showing with regard to whether the documents warrant such protection is a terse statement that they
27 are “business records of Trident which contain proprietary and confidential business information and
28 are not publicly available.” This is not a sufficient showing under Rule 26(c). “Broad allegations of

1 harm, however, unsubstantiated by specific examples or articulated reasoning, do not satisfy the Rule
2 26(c) test.” *Beckman Indus., Inc. v. International Ins. Co.*, 966 F.2d 470, 476 (9th Cir. 1992). Here,
3 Trident has made no allegation of potential harm at all, much less one substantiated by either specific
4 examples or articulated reasoning.¹

5 Dated: 4/17/09

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7 PATRICIA V. TRUMBULL
8 United States Magistrate Judge
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28 ¹ Evidence of efforts to keep a document confidential are irrelevant absent a threshold showing of potential harm from disclosure.